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TO: Secretary of State

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MYTEL 991, June 28.

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"The Chinese Government is in receipt of the aide memoire No. 93, dated 27 June, 1950, of the Embassy of the United States of America, expressing the concern of the United States Government over the security of the Pacific area in view of the attack of the Northern Korean forces against the Republic of Korea, and informing the Chinese Government of the mission assigned to the US Seventh Fleet with reference to Formosa, and requesting the Chinese Government to extend to the US Government full cooperation in issuing necessary orders to terminate its air and sea operations against the Communist-held mainland, or against shipping in Chinese waters or on the high seas.

"In consideration of the urgent nature of the communication and the common interest involved in the proposal, the Chinese Government wishes to express agreement in principle, and to inform the US Government that necessary orders to suspend the air and sea operations as requested have been issued.

"The Chinese Government wishes, however, to call the attention of the US Government to the fact that the Chinese Government is at present maintaining positions in Uintin* and the Lema* Islands off Canton, in the Island of Kinmen off Amoy, in the Island of Matsu off Foochow, and in Tachen Islands off the Chekiang Province. These island positions, together with those of the Pescadores, form part of the defense of Taiwan. They are defended by a considerable number of Chinese land forces with the support of Chinese air and sea forces. They have

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have been under constant attack from Chinese Communists. The Chinese Government wishes to be informed as to whether the orders to the US Seventh Fleet had taken into consideration the prevention of attacks against these islands.

"In order that the Chinese Government may best coordinate its actions with those of the US, it is suggested that direct consultations between the two governments be immediately arranged.

"It is understood that the present emergency measures should in no way affect the position of the Chinese Government in the exercise of its authority over Taiwan, its stand against international Communist aggression, and its determination to maintain China's territorial integrity."

Comment follows separate message. Yeh stated Generalissimo wanted message transmitted to President Truman soonest with his "best regards and respects."

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*As received.

Note: Mr. Jessup and Mr. Johnson (FE) were informed 11:30 p.m., June 28.

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